





#### **Reference Guide**

**LACourtConnect** is part of the Court's Access LACourt | Your Way initiative and provides a convenient option for appearing in court without having to visit a court location. This Reference Guide outlines how to check in and join a hearing as a remote participant using LACourtConnect 3.0.

### **Access LACC 3.0**

ATTENTION: Beginning Friday, September 6, the Court will expand the LACC 3.0 Pilot to all Stanley Mosk

Courthouse Probate departments and Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse (Long Beach)

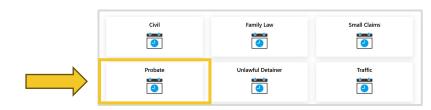
department S09 for attorneys and litigants wishing to appear in hearings remotely.

### **Step 1** - **Go to the LACC Welcome Page** https://my.lacourt.org/laccwelcome



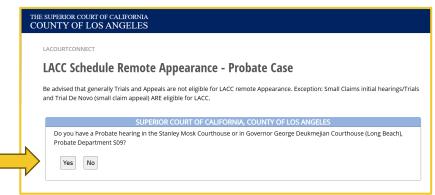
### **Step 2** - Select Probate

You will be asked a series of questions. Based on the answers, you will either be directed to LACC 3.0 or given instructions for the hearing.



### Step 3 - Answer Questions

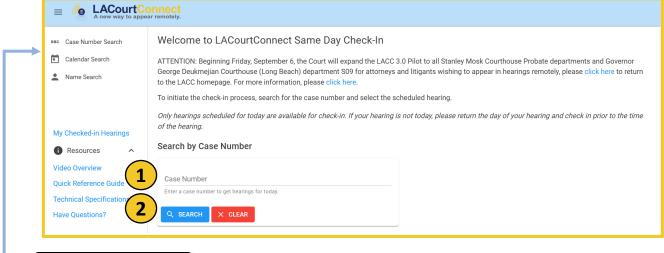
- a. During the pilot phase, you will be asked if you have a hearing for Probate departments at Stanley Mosk Courthouse or Long Beach Courthouse Department S09? If yes, you will be automatically directed to LACC 3.0.
- b. If you do not have a case at said locations, you will be prompted to pre-register or create a Court ID.



For instructions on how to Sign in or Create a Court ID, please follow the **Create a Court ID** quick reference guide found on the LACC Welcome Page.

#### **Search for Cases**

- 1. Enter your case number.
- 2. Click Search.

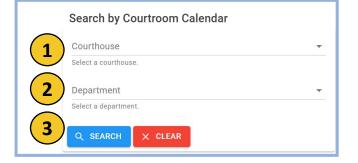


Other Search Options

Additional search options are found on the left-hand navigation panel. Users can search by: **Calendar Search (date)** or **Name Search.** 

### Courtroom Calendar Search

- 1. Enter or select the courthouse of where your case will be heard.
- 2. Enter Department.
- 3. Click Search.

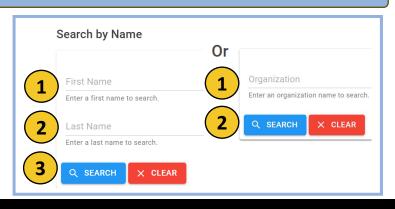


#### Name Search

- 1. Enter First Name
- 2. Enter Last Name
- 3. Click Search.

#### OR

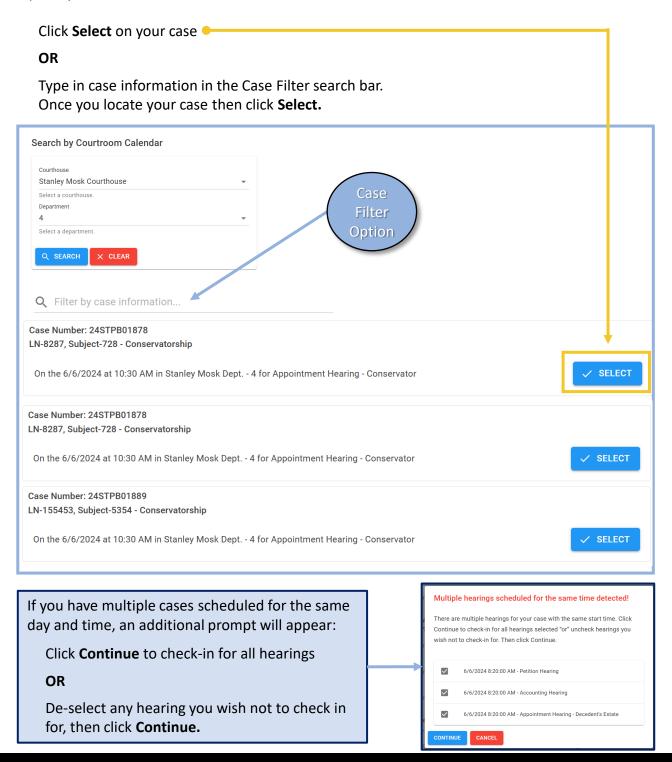
- Enter Name of Organization, if appearing on behalf of an organization.
- 2. Click Search





### **Select Your Case**

Depending on how you conducted your case search, cases will populate below the search option you selected.

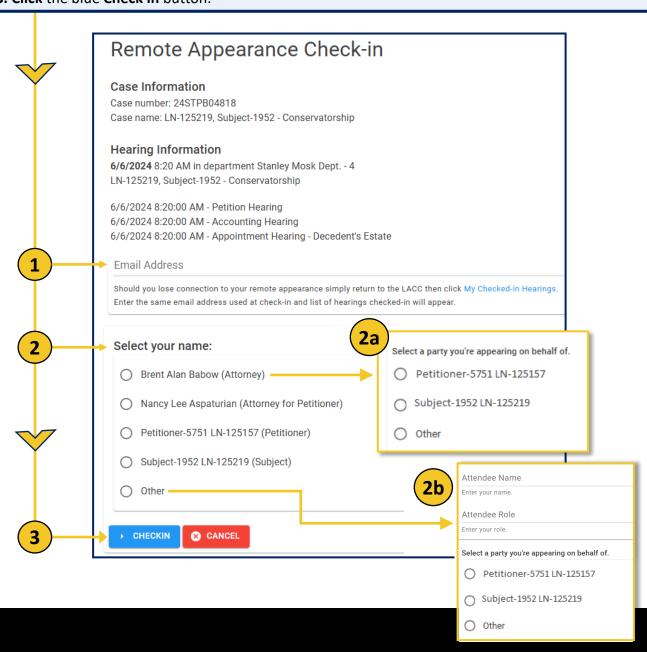




### **Select Your Name & Finalize Check In**

Upon selecting your case, the case information will display. Verify the information is correct.

- 1. Enter an email address. This required step tracks all checked in hearings under this email account.
- 2. Select the radial button located to the left of your name.
  - **2a.** If you are an attorney or are appearing on behalf of an organization, after selecting your name, you will be prompted to select the party you are appearing on behalf of.
  - **2b.** If your name does not appear on the list, **Select** "Other" from the list, NEXT:
    - Enter your name exactly as it should appear on the record and your role.
    - Select the party you are appearing on behalf of.
- 3. Click the blue Check in button.

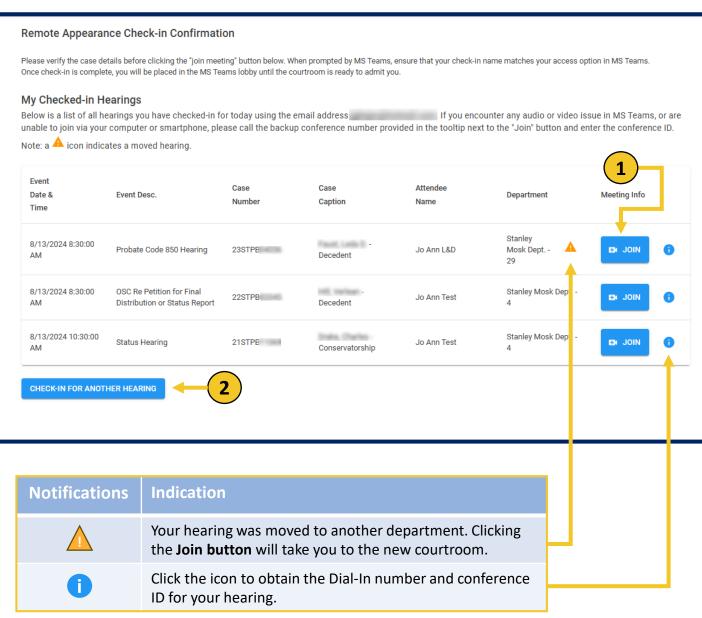




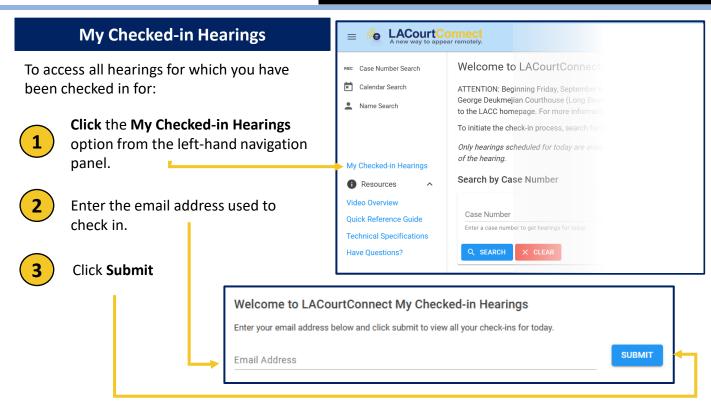
### **Check In Confirmation**

After successfully checking in, the Remote Appearance Check-in Confirmation page will appear.

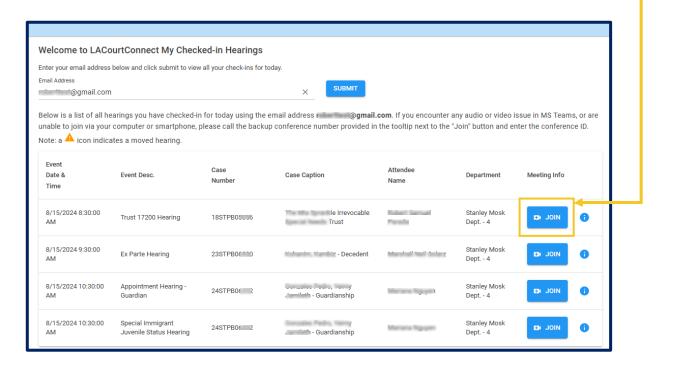
- 1. When ready, **click** the **Join** button of the corresponding hearing and you will be placed in the Microsoft Teams lobby until the courtroom is ready to admit you.
- If you have additional hearings for which you have not checked in for, click the Check In For Another Hearing to repeat the process.







4 The list of hearings will appear. When ready, click the **JOIN** button to enter the virtual hearing.



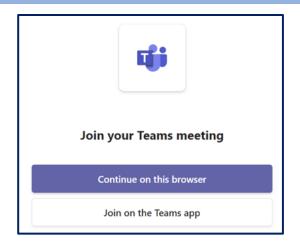


### **Join Remote Hearing**

After clicking the **JOIN** button, you will land on the Join your Teams meeting page in your internet browser.

- If you would like to continue using the browser, click "Continue on this browser."
- If you have previously downloaded the Teams app, click "Join on the Teams app."

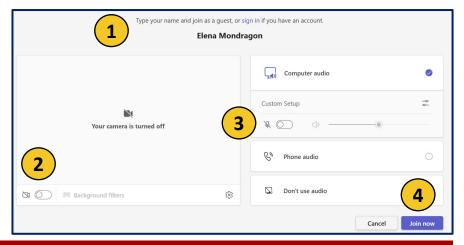
The Microsoft Teams app will launch.





#### **Ensure to:**

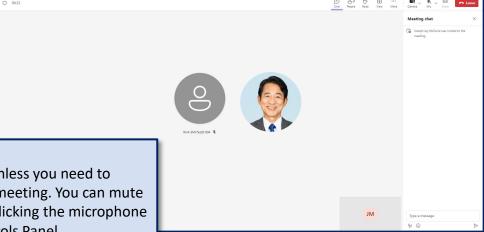
- 1. Enter your name.
- 2. Turn the camera off.
- 3. Mute the microphone.
- 4. Once all settings have been verified, click "Join now."





Upon clicking "Join now," the Court will be notified that you are waiting. Please be patient as you may be waiting several minutes before you are allowed into the hearing.

Once the Court is ready to call your case, you will automatically enter the virtual courtroom.



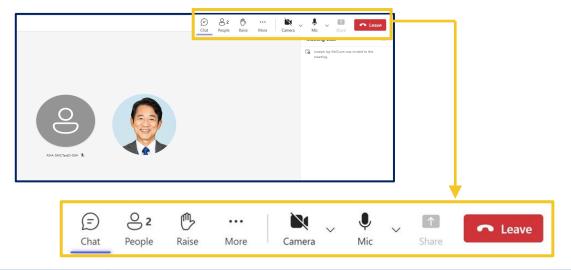
### Important:

- **Keep your mic muted** unless you need to speak or are leading the meeting. You can mute and unmute yourself by clicking the microphone icon in the Meeting Controls Panel.



### **Using Microsoft Teams**

At the top of the meeting window is a set of tools available for use during the hearing. We will review the primary tools.



### Chat

**The chat feature** is available to video and audio participants who join on the Teams app. The chat is not monitored by the Court.



**The persistent chat group** is automatically created by Teams for each meeting. The Court is not responsible for the usage of the group chat. You can opt to leave the chat at any time after the hearing ends. To leave the chat:

- 1. Select Chat to open the chat list.
- 2. Find the name of the group you want to leave.
- 3. Then select More options > Leave.

### **People**



**The participant feature** will display a list of attendees currently in the meeting.



#### Raise hand

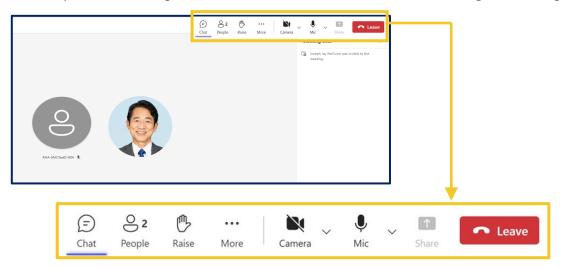


If you have a question and would like to make a comment in the hearing, click the raise hand icon so that you may be recognized by Court staff.



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#### Camera

Use the video icon to turn your camera off and on.

### Best practices:



- Avoid sitting with your back to a window or bright light source. This
  causes a silhouette appearance where others cannot see you or determine
  your identity. Adequate lighting is critical for all parties on camera.
- **Think about the background**. Whatever is in the room behind you might not be appropriate for a meeting or could be distracting to others. Cameras pointed up at ceiling fans are also a visual distraction for some attendees.

### Microphone



Use the microphone icon to turn your microphone off and on. **Keep your mic** muted. Best practices:

- Enter muted. Enter any meeting with your mic muted and camera off.
   Others might already be engaged in conversation.
- Use a headset with mic if possible, for the optimal audio experience for both you and other meeting attendees. If a headset isn't available, use your device's built-in audio/mic. Call in via mobile device only as a last resort. If you DO call in, make sure your computer/laptop's mic and speakers are muted.

#### Leave



At the conclusion of your matter, click the Leave button at the top of the hearing window. For additional security, close all browser windows when finished.